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Request from the Joint Chiefs of Staff for an ORE assessment of the Adequacy of Reporting from the Philippines

1. In response to your oral request an assessment of deficiencies in intelligence information reporting on military, political, and economic matters from the Philippines has been made by ORE and is attached hereto.

2. The effect of the October 1949 reductions in staffs of service attaches on the national intelligence effort was reported to the Director of Central Intelligence by AD/ORE memorandum of 10 August 1950. The portion of this report concerning the Philippines reads as follows:

"Since the elimination of Army and Air attaches in Manila, military reporting has declined in quantity, quality, and scope. Current information lacks many elements essential for intelligence production. Order of battle data and reorganization measures are not reported promptly, and so far as is known, the Office of Naval Attache does not include any officer qualified to report on ground force operations - the principal military activity in the Philippines."

3. For your additional information it is pertinent to note that ORE currently receives virtually no Joint United States Military Advisory Group (JUSMAG) reports from the Philippines.

4. ORE can supply more detailed information concerning the subject of this memorandum upon request.

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